

NOTICE OF SALE

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Timber Sale

The Point of Rocks Timber Sale is located within portions of Sections 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 10, T33N-R24W, within portions of Sections 30, 31, & 32, T34N-R24W, and within portions of Section 36, T34N-R25W on the State's Stillwater Unit. Approximately 26,672 tons or 4,104 MBF consisting of Douglas-fir, western larch, lodgepole pine, grand fir, Engelmann spruce, and subalpine fir sawlogs are offered for sale.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana on **June 5, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.** Bids may be hand delivered or mailed and will be accepted any time prior to the bid opening. **DNRC recommends that bidders contact the Trust Land Management Division (406-542-4300) prior to the bid opening to ensure that your bid has been received.** Bids must be accompanied by a deposit of **\$39,095.00**, representing 5% of the minimum bid value of the sale in cashier's check, certified check, bank money order or bank draft to be applied to the stumpage for the successful bidder. Bid bonds will be accepted and, for the successful bidder, will be closed upon execution of the Timber Sale Contract and Timber Sale Bond.

The sale will be awarded to the highest responsible bidder. If the successful bidder is unable to execute the contract within 45 calendar days from the date the sale is awarded, the bid deposit will be retained by the Department as liquidated damages. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

Prospective bidders can obtain the sale prospectus, sale contract and bid forms from the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, Trust Land Management Division, in Missoula (406-542-4300), the Northwestern Land Office in Kalispell (406-751-2240), or the Stillwater Unit Office in Olney, MT (406-881-2371).

Visit our website at www.dnrc.mt.gov Online Services for upcoming sales and bid results.

/s/ David A. Groeschl, Chief
Forest Management Bureau
Trust Land Mgmt Division

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TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS
MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

Timber Sale Name:	Point of Rocks		
Timber Sale Location:	Sections 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, T33N-R24W; Sections 30, 31, 32, T34N-R24W; Section 36, T34N-R25W		
For specific sale information, contact: Bob Traina, Nicole Stickney			
Phone	406-881-2667 or 881-2666	Stillwater	Unit Office
For copies of the Timber Sale Contract and bid forms, contact:			
Phone	406-542-4300	Forest Management Bureau	DNRC Missoula Office
Phone	406-751-2240	Northwestern Land Office	

General Bidding Information

1. Bids must be submitted on standard DNRC bid forms.
2. Timber will be sold to the highest responsible bidder; however, the Department reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
3. DNRC recommends that bidders contact the Forest Management Bureau, Trust Land Management Division (406-542-4300) prior to the bid opening to ensure that your bid has been received.
4. A **bid guarantee** must accompany all bids and must be in the form of cash, cashiers check, certified check, bank money order, bank draft, surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit.
5. The Purchaser must submit a **performance bond** within 45 days of the sale award. It will amount to 20% or more of the bid value of the sale. The performance bond may be in the form of cash, irrevocable letter of credit, surety bond or certificate of deposit. The performance bond must be maintained separately from other payments for the duration of the sale contract.
6. The Purchaser must submit an **advance stumpage payment** prior to cutting any timber. The amount of the advance will be based on the expected harvest rate and the bid value of the stumpage. The advance may be in the form of cash, irrevocable letter of credit, payment bond or certificate of deposit.
7. The Purchaser will pay **Forest Improvement fees** and any special **Road Use and Maintenance fees** in addition to stumpage payments.
8. The successful bidder must sign an agreement that prohibits exporting State logs.
9. This sale is being sold based on the gross weight of all species. Minimum price and bid price is per ton. The price is for all species, green and dead. Billing will be based on gross weight. A weight ticket from a certified scale is required for every load.
10. The Department has estimated the net scale merchantable sawlog volume to be available for purchase under this contract. All delivered wood will be weighed and billed at per ton bid rates. The Department recognizes that a percentage of delivered wood may not meet the log manufacturing and recovery standards of the timber sale contract. The actual percentage will vary based on the log manufacturing and recovery specifications of the purchaser and the tree conditions in the sale area. The actual delivered weight may vary, resulting in an overrun or under-run of the estimated tonnage. DNRC strongly recommends that bidders evaluate these effects before bidding.
11. DNRC does not conduct detailed road appraisals. All appraised costs are gross estimates or averages, provided only to show the relative amount of work required, and not its market value. Purchasers should make their own estimates based on contract requirements.
12. Bidders should examine the Timber Sale Contract and sale area prior to bidding. Additional information is available at the phone numbers shown above.
13. Estimated stand data in this prospectus and volume estimates in the sale contract are not guaranteed.
14. This prospectus is provided for information purposes only. If the prospectus is in error or contradicts the Timber Sale Contract, the contract governs.

TABLE 1: Summary of Sale Specifications

Sale Data			
705	Net Sale Area (acres)	0.28	Miles of road construction
November 15, 2009	Contract ending date	5.7	Miles BMP improvements and maintenance
None	Cable logging required (% of volume)	0	Miles of road reclamation or abandonment
Operating Season: Year round except when restrictions apply			
Charges and Appraised Costs			
\$39,095.00	Bid Guarantee (total \$)		
20% of bid value	Performance Bond		
\$0.16	Collected Road Maintenance And Road Use Charges (\$ per ton, Unit 4 only)		
\$ 3.00	Collected Forest Improvement Fee (\$ per ton)		
\$ 13,336.00	Estimated Total Forest Improvement Payments (concurrent with stumpage payments)		
\$ 68,207.00	Road Development Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (total \$)		
\$ 0.16	Road Maintenance Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (\$ per ton) Unit 4 only		
\$ 0	Slash Disposal Costs - Appraised Purchaser-Do (\$ per ton)		
\$ 0.35	Special logging costs along power lines and highway - Appraised Purchaser-Do (\$ per ton)		

TABLE 2: Timber Cruise Data and Minimum Bids

SPECIES	GF	DF	WL	LP	ES	SAF			TOTAL or AVE
Minimum Acceptable Bid									\$29.30/ton
Gross Cubic Feet (in thousands)	16	370	198	138	15	12			749
% Cull and Breakage	18.8	6.5	6.1	3.6	6.7	8.3			6.0
Net Cubic Feet (in thousands)	13	346	187	133	14	11			704
Pounds per cubic foot	60	62	58	56	57	55			60
Net tons	404	10,682	5,427	3,738	391	309			20,951
Small log volume (4.5" top in tons)		769	1,194	3,648		110			5,721
Total estimated tons (4.5" top)									26,672
Gross MBF (Scribner 5.6" top DIB)	81	1,725	970	542	62	50			3,430
% Cull and Breakage	21.0	6.3	5.9	3.3	6.5	4.0			6.0
Net MBF (5.6" top DIB)	64	1,617	913	524	58	48			3,224
Average logs per MBF	18.6	18.9	19.8	35.7	26.3	28.8			21.9
Average DBH	12	12	10	7	10	9			9
Average tons per acre harvested in leave-tree marked units									39
Average tons per acre harvested in cut-tree-marked units									22
Average MBF to cut per acre on the timber sale									4.6
Range of cut trees per acre based on unit cruise									50-160
Calculated Sampling Error (<i>net</i> MBF): 12.0%									
The total cruised volume will fall between 2,838 and 3,610 thousand net board feet in 9 out of 10 cruises.									
Tons Per Thousand Board Feet Conversion Factor = 20,951 net tons per 3,224 net MBF = 6.5 tons per MBF (Scribner 5.6" top DIB)									

TABLE 3: Unit Harvest Volume and Harvest Schedule					
Unit	Section	Acres	Estimated Net Tons Including small log volume to 4.5" top	Estimated Net MBF To 5.6" top	Removal Date
1	6, 31	104	2,944	276	September 30, 2009
2	4, 5, 8, 9	216	11,256	1,571	September 30, 2009
3	9, 10	37	1,014	143	September 30, 2009
4	36	36	1,974	250	September 30, 2009
5	6, 5, 31	116	3,285	308	September 30, 2009
6	31, 32	28	1,535	195	September 30, 2009
7A	30, 31, 36	53	1,501	141	September 30, 2009
7B	30, 31	4	114	11	September 30, 2009
7C	30	13	368	34	September 30, 2009
7D	30	6	98	13	September 30, 2009
8	36	18	457	52	September 30, 2009
9A	10	15	425	40	September 30, 2009
9B	4, 9, 10	36	1019	96	September 30, 2009
9C	10, 9, 4	23	682	95	September 30, 2009
TOTAL			26,672	3,224	

Additional Sale Information:

1. Top sizes will be 4.6" for all species. Scribner volume calculations used in this prospectus are based on a 5.6" top size for all species. Ton volume calculations are based on cubic volume to a 5.6" top. An additional 5720 tons has been added to the total sale tons to account for the 4.6"-top small sawlog volume, and this volume is broken out by unit in table 3 above. This small sawlog volume is not included in the Scribner gross or net MBF.
2. The additional 5720 tons of small sawlog volume is converted to 880 thousand board feet for reporting purposes using the 6.5-tons/MBF conversion factor for a total sale volume of 4,104 MBF.
3. Units 1, 2A, 5, 8A, 8B are adjacent to Highway 93, and traffic guards and other safety measures will be required to regulate the flow of traffic. It is the Purchaser's responsibility to notify the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) concerning the schedule for logging these units, and follow the rules required by the MDT to ensure that the logging is conducted safely.
4. Units 1, 2A, 5, 8A, and 8B are adjacent to Lincoln Electric Coop (LEC) power lines (25,000 volts). Unit 4 is adjacent to a main Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) transmission line (115,000 volts). The purchaser must contact LEC and BPA before harvesting these units, and follow the procedures and rules that they require.
5. The Purchaser is required to repair a bridge at Stryker, including replacing guardrails, paving, installing riprap and constructing approach drain dips.
6. In Unit 2, there is limited road access with long skidding distances through steep, rocky terrain.
7. There are residences within 1000 feet of the boundaries in Units 2, 3, 8A, and 8B. For these units, the "high" fire hazard reduction is applicable: 90% of the slash within 100 feet of any residence, and for 100 feet inside any portion of a cutting unit boundary that lies within 1,000 feet of a residential structure must be chipped, piled, buried, or removed within 60 days of its creation.
8. In order to comply with the DNRC's rules for grizzly bears, the use of roads restricted to motorized use and temporary roads must be scheduled between November 16 and March 31, or in limited periods during the non-denning period.

9. Larger scale maps of harvest units and additional sale information are available at Stillwater Unit upon request.

TABLE 4: Total Net Board Feet (6" top diameter) by Diameter Class and Species (Cut trees)

DBH Class	Thousand Board Feet								TOTAL
	GF	DF	WL	LP	ES	SAF			
≥7 and < 9	2	28	60	243	5	8			346
≥9 and < 11	7	238	112	241	18	27			643
≥11 and < 13	14	293	210	79	24	6			626
≥13 and < 15	12	287	96	12	5				412
≥15 and < 17	19	213	143			7			382
≥17 and < 19		207	88		8				303
≥19 and < 21		186	55						241
≥21 and < 23		108	58						166
≥23 and < 25	8	44	13						65
≥25 and < 27		25							25
≥27 and < 29		15							15
TOTAL	62	1644	835	575	60	48			3224

TABLE 5: Total Tons of Cut Trees by Diameter Class and Species

DBH Class	GF	DF	WL	LP	ES	SAF			TOTAL
≥7 and < 9	13	183	389	1581	31	54			2251
≥9 and < 11	43	1549	731	1565	118	173			4179
≥11 and < 13	90	1907	1362	512	157	35			4063
≥13 and < 15	80	1863	623	80	32				2678
≥15 and < 17	126	1380	930			47			2483
≥17 and < 19		1341	572		53				1966
≥19 and < 21		1206	360						1566
≥21 and < 23		705	373						1078
≥23 and < 25	52	283	87						422
≥25 and < 27		165							165
≥27 and < 29		100							100
TOTAL	404	10682	5427	3738	391	309			20951

TABLE 5: Total Number of Cut Trees by Diameter Class and Species

DBH Class	GF	DF	WL	LP	ES	SAF			TOTAL
≥5 and < 7				18,226					18,226
≥7 and < 9	701	3,505	7,010	23,834	701	701			36,452
≥9 and < 11		5,608	2,103	5,608	701	701			14,721
≥11 and < 13		3,505	2,103	701					6,309
≥13 and < 15		2,804	701						3,505
≥15 and < 17		1,402	701						2,103
≥17 and < 19		701	701						1,402
≥19 and < 21		701							701
≥21 and < 23		701							701
≥23 and < 25									
≥25 and < 27									
≥27 and < 29									
TOTAL	701	18,927	13,319	48,369	1,402	1,402			84,120